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Honorable Robert M. Gates
Deputy Director of Central
Intelligence
Washington, DC 20505

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your letter of May 18 in which
you described the invaluable contribution made by
Colonel James Harding in assisting your agency in

While it is always a pleasure to read
words of praise for the members of our Department,
I found your letter to be particularly gratifying.

As you requested, I am forwarding your letter
to the Secretary of the Army for inclusion in
Colonel Harding's official military records.

Again, thank you for taking the time to write
and express your appreciation for Colonel Harding's
support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature, likely of the Secretary of Defense, is located below the "Sincerely," text. The signature is written in dark ink and appears to be "F. M. ...".

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18 MAY 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT: Report on the Performance of
Colonel James Harding

1. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the support which Department of Defense has provided to the Central Intelligence Agency in Central America. In particular, I want to call to your attention the invaluable contribution Colonel James Harding has made to the success of the program. I have attached a copy of the performance evaluation which has been forwarded by his immediate supervisor and endorsed by his reviewing officers in Washington.

2. I would like to associate myself with this evaluation. Simply put, Jim Harding's contribution has been an essential ingredient in the success of the project to date. I would appreciate it if you would ensure that it is made an official part of Colonel Harding's personnel file and is made available to the appropriate promotion and professional evaluation panels.

*/s/ Robert M. Gates*Robert M. Gates
Acting Director of Central Intelligencecc: Admiral Crowe
General Wickham~~SECRET~~

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